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PATENT APPLICATION**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of

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Hiromitsu TAKAHASHI

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Examiner: Minh D. A

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For: DISCHARGE LAMP STARTER

COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE**ATTN: MAIL STOP ISSUE FEE**

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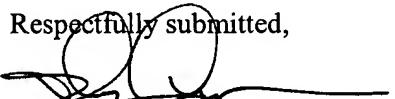
REMARKS

In response to the Examiner's "Statement of Reasons for Allowance" accompanying the Notice of Allowability on September 20, 2005, Applicants wish to comment as follows.

It appears that the Examiner's statement discusses elements of dependent claims 2 and 5 in addition to features which appear only in claims 1 and 4. For this reason, Applicants disagree with the Examiner's statement as originally written, since that statement should correctly only discuss the elements of the independent claims, unless otherwise specifically indicated.

Applicants submit that the independent claims are allowable over the prior art on the basis of their individual features.

Respectfully submitted,


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